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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6876

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCHOOL READINESS AND EARLY
READING SUCCESS GRANT PROGRAMS."***

1 Strike sections 7 and 8 in their entirety and renumber the remaining
2 sections accordingly

3 In line 249, strike "may" and insert in lieu thereof "shall"

4 In line 250, after "councils" insert ", parents"

5 In line 252, after "training" insert ", staffing"

6 After line 516 insert the following and renumber the remaining
7 section accordingly:

8 "Sec. 17. Subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

10 (d) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
11 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant

12 program to provide spaces in accredited or approved school readiness
 13 programs for eligible children who reside in an area served by a
 14 priority school. A town in which such a school is located [or a regional
 15 school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r,
 16 for a region in which such a school is located] may apply for such a
 17 grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars per
 18 priority school. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period
 19 based on an applicant's designation as having a priority school for the
 20 initial year of application. Grant awards shall be made annually
 21 contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory annual
 22 evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the
 23 superintendent of schools of the school district [or the regional school
 24 readiness council] shall submit a plan, as described in subsection (c) of
 25 this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the Department
 26 of Education. In awarding grants pursuant to this subsection, the
 27 commissioner [shall give preference to applications submitted by
 28 regional school readiness councils and] may, within available
 29 appropriations, provide a grant in excess of one hundred thousand
 30 dollars to towns with two or more priority schools in such district. A
 31 town [or regional school readiness council] awarded a grant pursuant
 32 to this subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for such
 33 children from providers of accredited or approved school readiness
 34 programs.

35 Sec. 18. Subsection (c) of section 10-16r of the general statutes is
 36 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

37 (c) Two or more towns or school districts and appropriate
 38 representatives of groups or entities interested in early childhood
 39 education in a region may establish a regional school readiness
 40 council. If a priority school is located in at least one of such school
 41 districts, [the regional school readiness council] one of the member
 42 towns or districts on such council may apply for a grant pursuant to
 43 subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act. The regional
 44 school readiness council may perform the duties outlined in
 45 subdivisions (2) to (10), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section."